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FOR PM RE PINCUS/PAUL TRIP

1. PINCUS, PAUL AND CINCEUR PROJECT OFFICER BRIEFED BY EMBASSY, MAAG AND WHEELUS REPS LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 19. BRIEFINGS CONTINUED AT WORKING DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR. NO PROBLEMS AROSE, ONLY DOCUMENT ASKED ABOUT WAS US-LARG AGREED MINUTE OF DEC 23, 1969 AND PAUL SAID HE ASSUMED IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. WE POINTED OUT THAT TWO GOVTS HAD UNDERSTANDING AGREED MINUTE WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC WITHOUT MUTUAL CONSENT. PINCUS/PAUL BRIEFING PAPERS BEING FORWARDED TO CARL MARCY SFRC AND DEPT. COL DICKSON HAS HIS SET.

2. PINCUS/PAUL QUESTIONS MAINLY POLITICAL AND CONCERNED WITH LIBYA IN MIDDLEEAST CONTEXT. THEY WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT EGYPTIAN PRESENCE IN AND INFLUENCE OVER LARG, THE MIRAGE DEAL, LARG CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES AND FATAH, PRESENCE OF LIBYAN TROOPS IN UAR AND

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LARG CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS. OUR ANSWERS WERE ALONG
LINES RECENTLY REPORTED TO WASHINGTON; LARG HAS NOT
FINALLY MADE UP ITS MIND ABOUT ANYTHING, AND THERE ARE
NO CLEAR ANSWERS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE LEADING QUESTIONS.

3. MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CONCERNING WHEELUS WERE (1)
WHETHER DURING 1964-1967 CRISIS THERE HAD BEEN ANY
SENTIMENTS WITHIN USG TO MOVE OUT OF WHEELUS (WE RESPONDED
YES, BUT MAIN CURRENT OPINION OPTED FOR RETENTION); (2)
WHETHER IN PAST EMBASSY HAD EXERCISED ADEQUATE POLICY
CONTROL (YES), AND (3) DID WE REALLY NEED TRAINING
FACILITIES LIKE WHEELUS IF BRITISH AND GERMAN COULD DO
WITHOUT (YES).

4. FULL WRAP-UP WILL BE POUCHED AFN.

5. PINCUS/PAUL DEPARTED ON SCHEDULE 1000 MARCH 20 VIA
ALITALIA 881 FOR ROME AND THEN TEL AVIV.
PALMER

NOTE: NOT PASSED CAIRO BY OC/T.

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